

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 071007/0137

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In re application of:

BHATTACHARJEE *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1641

Serial No.: 08/886,044

Examiner: S. Devi

Filing Date: June 30, 1997

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In further reply to the Official Action dated August 19, 1999, applicants request that the PTO amend the captioned application as follows and reconsider this case in light of the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12-14, 19 and 20, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 12-17, 19 and 20 are pending. Claims 12-14 are withdrawn from consideration and have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 5-8 15-17, 19 and 20 stand rejected. The rejections of claims 19 and 20 have been mooted by their cancellation. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 15-17 remain in the case. Applicants would like to thank SPE Housel for the courteous interview of February 14, 2000.